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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,187 filed November 29, 1999. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,187 is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 filed February 14, 1997. U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/011,688 filed February 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996, now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are enclosed of only those references not already of record or cited by the Examiner in a prior related application. For the Examiner's benefit, copies are enclosed for the reference(s) designated A119 through A145 and C16.

The applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following applications that are being pursued by the assignee of the present application:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Title</u>
08/226,660	04/12/94	Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination
08/834,746	04/04/97	Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents
09/126,580	07/30/98	Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents
08/394,752	05/12/98	Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents
09/179,573	10/27/98	Customizable International Note Counter
09/232,093	01/15/99	Intelligent Currency Handling System
09/245,933	02/05/99	Intelligent Currency Handling System
08/962,080	10/8/99	Currency Evaluation and Recording System
09/453,200	12/02/99	Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting
60/180,965	02/08/00	Method and Apparatus for Detecting Doubled Bills in a Currency Handling Device
60/181,752	02/11/00	Method and Apparatus for Detecting Doubled Bills in a Currency Handling Device
09/502,666	02/11/00	Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles
09/503,039	02/11/00	Two Belt Bill Facing Mechanism
09/541,170	04/03/00	Method of Using a Two Pocket Currency Evaluation Device
09/542,487	04/03/00	Method and Apparatus for Document Processing
08/864,423	06/13/00	Method and Apparatus for Document Processing
09/268,175	06/16/00	Color Scanhead and Currency Handling System Employing the Same
09/607,019	06/29/00	Apparatus with Two or More Pockets for Document Processing
09/611,279	07/06/00	Method with Two or More Pockets for Document Processing
08/664,262	07/21/00	Document Discriminating System Using Full Image Scanning and Authentication
08/916,100	07/25/00	Multi-Pocket Currency Discriminator
09/626,324	07/26/00	Currency Handling System Employing an Infrared Authenticating System
09/635,181	08/09/00	Method of Creating Identifiable Smaller Stacks of Currency Bills within a Larger Stack of Currency Bills
09/635,967	08/10/00	Method and Apparatus for Document Processing
09/059,813	09/01/00	An Image Processing Network
09/688,526	10/16/00	Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles
09/688,538	10/16/00	Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles
Unknown Atty. Dkt. No. 47171-00282USC2	12/08/00	Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkens & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00271.

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